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TITLE OF INVENTION: TUBULAR MOTOR

	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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(Date APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION NO. 11/03/2000 09/706,490 Rainer Bruhn VAL-500-A 6485 TITLE OF INVENTION: TUBULAR MOTOR APPLN. TYPE SMALL ENTITY ISSUE FEE PUBLICATION FEE TOTAL FEE(S) DUE DATE DUE nonprovisional NO \$1300 \$1300 \$0 11/20/2003 **EXAMINER** ART UNIT CLASS-SUBCLASS LE, DANG D 2834 310-077000 1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363). 2. For printing on the patent front page, list (1) the names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively, (2) the name of a single ☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached. firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent ☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name Number is required. will be printed. 3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type) PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignce data will appear on the patent. Inclusion of assignee data is only appropriate when an assignment has been previously submitted to the USPTO or is being submitted under separate cover. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment. (A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE (B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 58 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 58 day(s).

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Effective October 1, 2003, 37 CFR 1.18 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below.

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